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Dear Sir:

**Amendment**

This amendment is filed in reply to the office action dated August 6, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for reply of one month. With the Petition for a two-month extension of time filed herewith, extending the period of response to November 6, 2002, this response is timely filed. Applicants request that the application be amended as follows:

**In the specification:**

At page 1, line 7 of the specification, please amend the application as follows:

B-2 This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/375,724, filed on August 17, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S.